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Paul J. McNulty, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, announced that Joseph Lewis Green, age 50, of Newport News, Virginia, pled guilty today in the United States District Court in Norfolk, Virginia, to a charge of unauthorized use of access devices. Green faces a maximum sentence of ten years imprisonment, a fine of \$250,000.00 and full restitution when sentenced by Judge Walter D. Kelley, Jr. on January 24, 2005.

On August 9, 2004, the grand jury returned a three-count indictment charging Green with unauthorized use of access devices and fraudulent use of credit cards. Green, who was employed as a utility worker for the Norfolk Naval Station Public Works Center, stole two Voyager government credit cards used for fleet vehicles and used them to purchase gas for his personal car. To make additional money, he also used the cards to fill the fuel tanks of other gas station patrons and charged them one-half the value of the pump price. All purchases were made at the self-service fuel pumps so no signatures were required.

An internal audit conducted by the Naval Audit Service revealed that two government credit cards were missing and used fraudulently. The loss to the government was \$44,866.41.

The investigation was conducted by Naval Criminal Investigative Service as a result of a recent crack down by the Navy to control the unauthorized use of its government credit cards. Assistant U.S. Attorney Stephen Haynie is handling the case for the United States Attorney's Office.

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